

# Green Engineering and Sustainability for the Pharmaceutical Industry:

Government Programs and Partnerships

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- Green Pharma: Maryann Helferty, EPA Region 3: (10 minutes)
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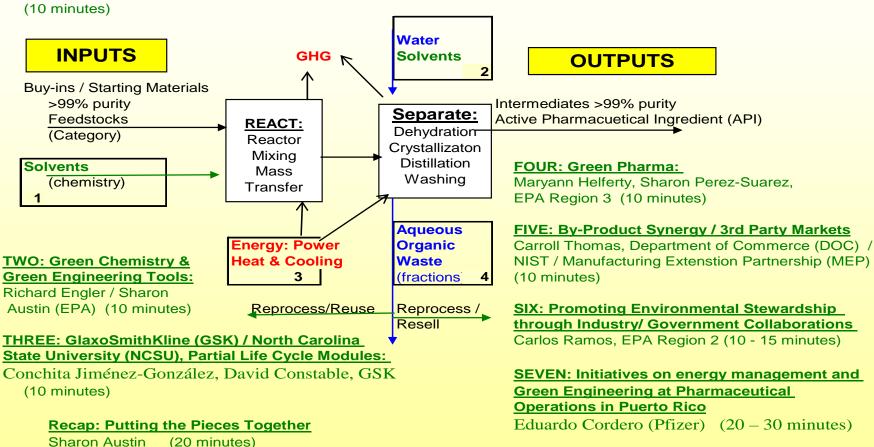
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#### Session Overview

GE and Sustainability in Pharmaceutical Industry - Government Programs and Partnerships

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 3:15 - 5:30, Convention Center 106-A

ONE: Introduction to Session and Green Engineering (GE): Nhan Nguyen, EPA



Q&A: End of sessions to all presenters. Panel Composition: Constable, Gonzalez (GSK) Cordero (Pfizer)
Nguyen, Engler, Austin, Helferty, Perez-Suarez, Ramos (EPA) & Thomas (DOC)

# Introduction to Green Engineering

Nhan Nguyen
EPA Green Engineering Program

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# What Is Green Engineering?

• The ADAPTATION, design, commercialization and use of processes and products that are technically and economically feasible while minimizing:

- Generation of pollution at the source
- Risk to human health and the environment



# Green Engineering Goals and Activities

- Drive towards sustainability
- Systematic tiered assessment process
- Create awareness and innovative use of resources and technologies already currently available

Which will...

... Dispel the myth that environmental projects cost money



# Program Background

- Pollution Prevention Act 1990
- Green Chemistry initiated in 1991 & 1992
- First GE work started in 1994 to support New Chemicals Program
- Research indicated little expertise in environmental risk in academic and industry, or standardized courses on pollution prevention
- Input from academic & industry at AIChE March 1998 (New Orleans)
- GE Program officially started in 1998

# Green Engineering Education

• GE Textbook

GE Modules

Educator Workshops









# Green Engineering Workshops





# Green Engineering Materials

- Environmental Literacy Speak the same language
- Get the tools to measure, evaluate and set standards from the micro to macro

THEN YOU ARE ABLE TO

Move Beyond the Plant Boundary (LCA DfE & Industrial Ecology)



# Leveraging Activities with Academia and Bridging Activities with Industry

#### Academia

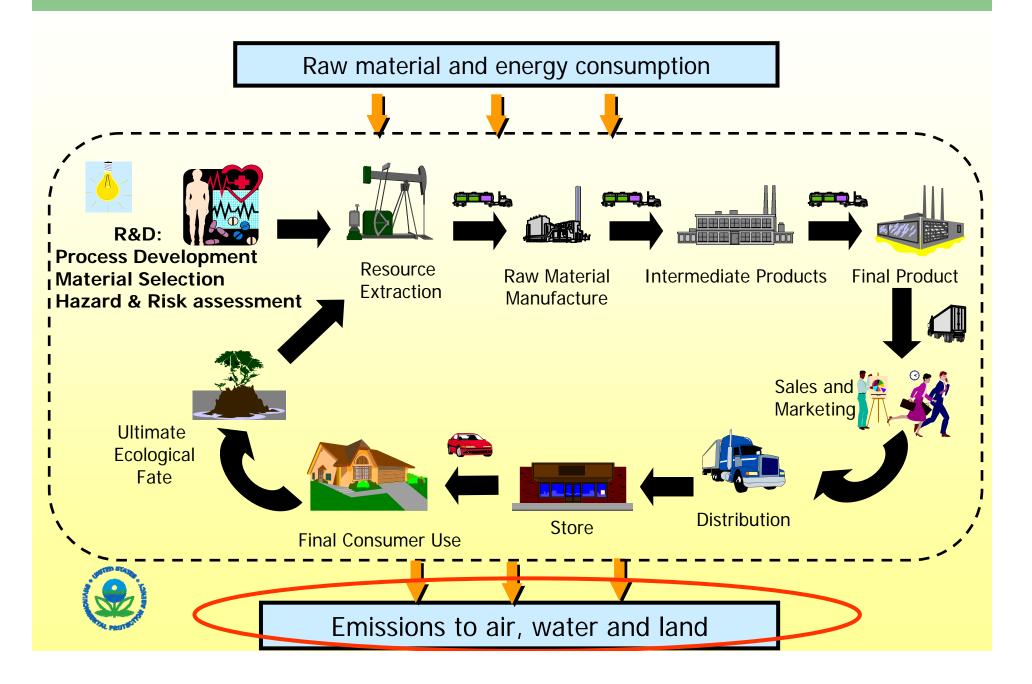
- Center for Sustainable Engineering
- Compilation of materials termed Sustainability
   Science and Engineering Education (SSEE) materials
- Grant submitted to NSF June 2004 for BookBuild populated with SSEE materials
- Grant awarded January 2005

#### Industry

- Refineries and paper industry
- Partnership with pharmaceutical industry
- Pilot project in Puerto Rico



# Life Cycle Assessment – The very big picture

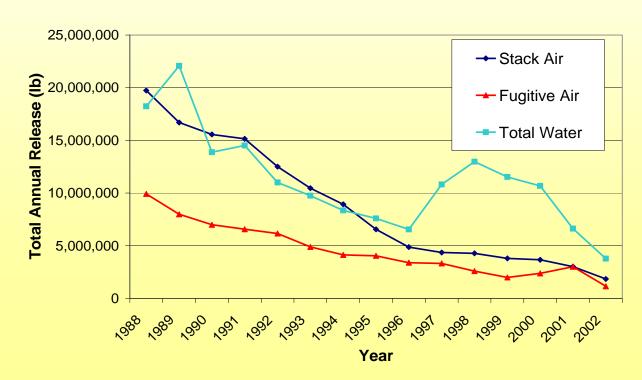


# Pharmaceutical Environmental Footprint and Progress

#### • Success 1998 to 2002

- 91% decrease in stack air releases
- 88% decrease in fugitive air releases
- 79% decrease in water releases

#### **Total Annual TRI Releases to Air and Water**





### More To Do...

- On average 1 kg API generates 99 kg waste
- Reaction concentrations: 15% reactants and 85% solvents
- Lack of solvent recovery for reuse or resale to 3<sup>rd</sup> party markets
- Wasted energy and lost opportunities



#### What About FDA?

- Understand need to maintain purity profiles
- Post-process opportunities
- FDA movement away from process spec to product spec
- Changes to manufacturing/purity profile that do not change product quality should not need to involve FDA





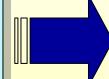
## **Material Flow to Metrics**

Operating
Facilities:
Stream Flows



Private Domain

Puerto Rico Manufacturers Assn. (PRMA) Model Developers



Modules\*



Solvent Recovery Incineration / Energy Recovery

Public Domain



EPA Green Engineering Assessment **Metrics:** 

Materials Energy Water

Air (GHG)



Risk:

L/M/H/Priority HPV/ChAMP TRI / IUR



Project

**Goals:** Reduce

Recover

Reuse

Resell



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# Pilot Expansion: National Stewardship Challenge

- Case study approach
- Expand best practices to sector
- EPA HQ, EPA regions, states, industry partnership
- EPA P2 grants
- Workshops at industrial clusters
- Technology transfer



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# Green Engineering Tools

#### • EPI Suite

Physical/chemical property and environmental fate estimation models



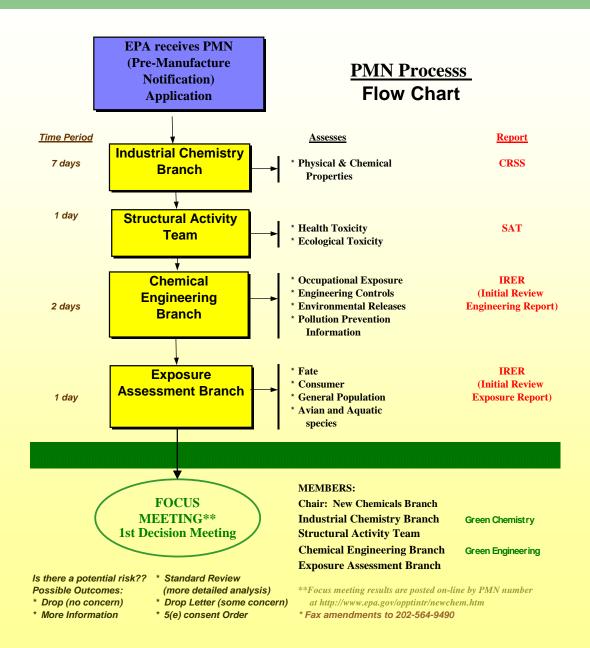
- Screening level tool
- http://www.epa.gov/oppt/exposure/pubs/episuite.htm

#### ChemSTEER – Material Flow - Metrics

- Estimates exposure and release activities associated with the manufacture, processing, or use of the chemicals
- Provides quantitative results for worker exposure via inhalational and dermal contact
- Provides estimates for releases to all environmental media

http://www.epa.gov/oppt/exposure/pubs/chemsteer.htm

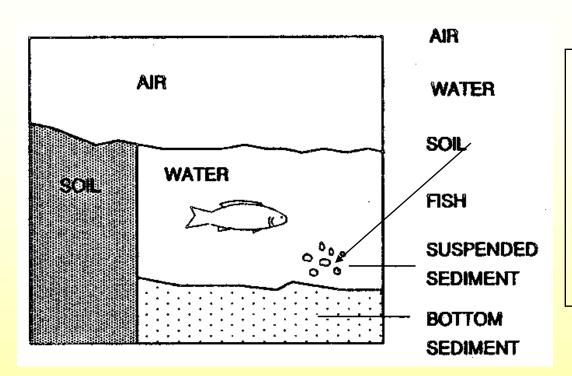
# PMN Process Flow Chart





#### Can You Eat the Fish?

#### EPI Suite helps to answer that question!



#### Water Compartment Only

1 kg Hexachlorobenzene (Hx)

10<sup>5</sup> m<sup>3</sup> volume of water

10<sup>-3</sup>kg organic carbon / m<sup>3</sup> water

0.1 kg fish / 100 m<sup>3</sup> water

#### Molecular Level

Human Exposure: Fish Ingestion

0.5 kg of fish consumed

Dose due to ingestion?

Concentration in the Fish (mg/kg)?

Public Domain



# Operations Modeled in ChemSTEER

#### **PMN Submitter Responsible for all Exposure and Releases**

Chemical not created yet

Not available for exposure/release

Manufacturing "creation of chemical"

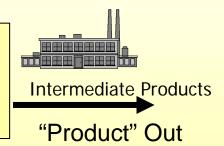
Raw Material
Manufacture

"Product" Out

"Raw Material" In

**Processing** 

"activity of transformation"



"Raw Material" In

Use

"destruction of chemical"



Chemical Destroyed
No longer available
for exposure/release

#### **Public Domain**



# Material Flow – Media of Release and Exposure Routes

#### **OPERATION(S):**

Workplace / workplaces with same/similar operations such that estimates of releases and exposures can be assumed to be the same.

# Media of Release Water

Air Landfill Incineration

# Exposure Routes Inhalation

Dermal
Drinking water

#### **Inputs**

MW
Vapor Pressure
Solubility
KG material

SAT/Model ECO (EpiSuite) Health (SARs)



#### Manufacturing

(PMN chemical is created or formed)

**Production Volume?** 

# of sites?

Batch size?

Batches/Year?

Wt fraction?

# of workers?

Site(s) typically controlled by the submitter minimal in number (1 - 3), lower # of workers larger, single point releases

#### Example Release(s)

- \* equipment cleaning
- \* sampling

#### Exposure Activities(s)

- \* loading into transport containers
- \* sampling

Public Domain

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# Promoting Environmental Stewardship through Industry/Government Collaborative Partnerships

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# Region 2 Pollution Prevention Office

- Promotes P2 approaches by providing:
  - Direct technical assistance
  - Economic assistance
    - States
    - Local governments
    - Nonprofits
    - Academia
  - Outreach and education
  - Partnership Building



# Activities To Date: Partnership Building

- Convene leading industry change agents and EPA National Technical Experts to share ideas related to green chemistry and green engineering innovations relevant to the pharmaceutical industry, better defining industry wide footprint, and initial stewardship opportunities.
- Bring together leading industry change agents with plant managers from manufacturing facilities in Puerto Rico to share insights, create case studies that can showcase the environmental and business opportunities for solvent reuse, recovery and third party exchanges.
- Bring in other critical stakeholders from within EPA and external to EPA, such as FDA that will encourage the successful implementation of proposed case
   studies.

#### Activities To Date: Outreach and Education

- September 27, 2007 Workshop 70
   Participants
- January 17, 2008 Video Conference 40 Participants
- July 22, 2008 Video Conference 29
   Participants
- Develop, Update, and Maintain Web Page: http://www.epa.gov/region02/p2/p2\_catalog\_o f\_activities.html



#### Activities To Date: Financial Assistance

- Identify as a priority green chemistry and engineering for our P2 and Source Reduction Assistance Agreement Grants.
- Target Assistance Agreement resources to Academic leaders and change agents – Rowen University
- Exploit other regional discretionary financial resources for continued outreach and education.



#### Activities To Date: Direct Technical Assistance

- Facilitate industry access to EPA's national expertise and other academic and private expertise
- Connect our regional local site-specific technical expertise through the Caribbean Environmental Protection Division with national expertise and other academic and private expertise.
- Initiate an industry partnership EPA Pilot Compact in Puerto Rico.



# Pharmaceutical Stewardship in Puerto Rico

- Largest concentration of pharmaceutical companies in the world.
- Exports more pharmaceutical products than any state in the U.S.
- Pharmaceutical industry is a large contributor to Puerto Rico economy
- Stewardship opportunity: solvent recovery
- Stewardship pilot project with EPA



# Puerto Rico Stewardship Opportunities

- No solvent export off the island
- Recovery/reuse of insoluble solvents (e.g., dichloromethane, toluene)
- Resale of soluble solvents (e.g., methanol)
  - 1. Electronics /Semiconductor
  - 2. Electroplating/Rubber/Varnish
  - 3. Machinery Manufacturing and Repair



# Pharmaceutical Stewardship Pilot Project

- 8 Puerto Rico facilities participating
- Facilities: Examine solvent usage, recovery, and resale opportunities; set reduction targets; implement activities; provide results data to EPA
- PRMA: Coordinates with local, state and federal agencies and supports facility efforts
- Model developers: Assist in quantifying opportunities and results
- EPA: Provides information (e.g., impact of new RCRA rules); technology transfer; and awards and recognition

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# Recap: Putting the Pieces Together

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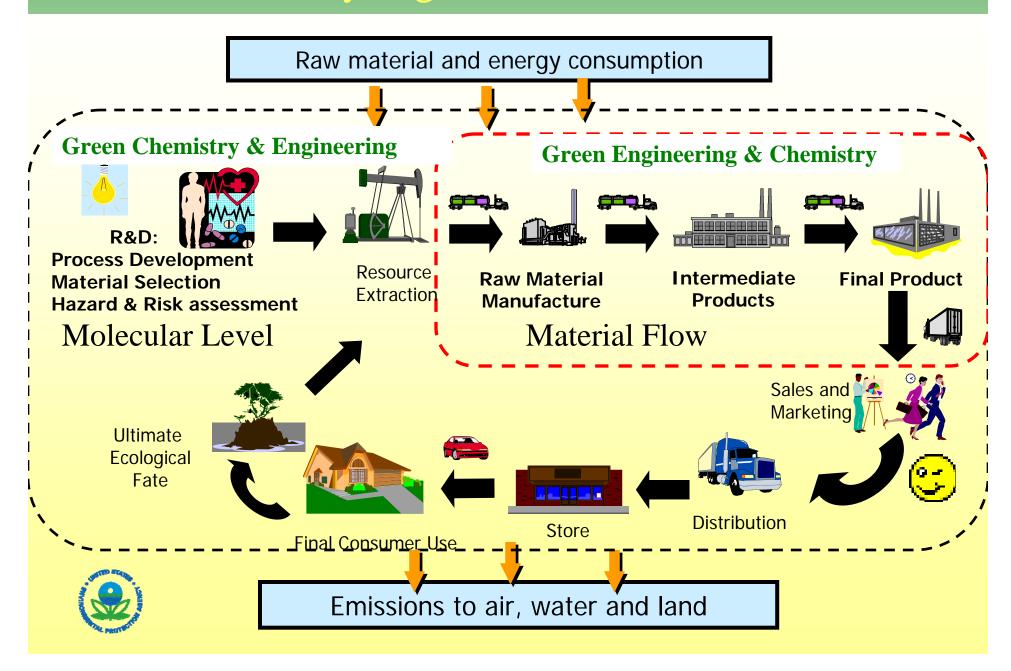


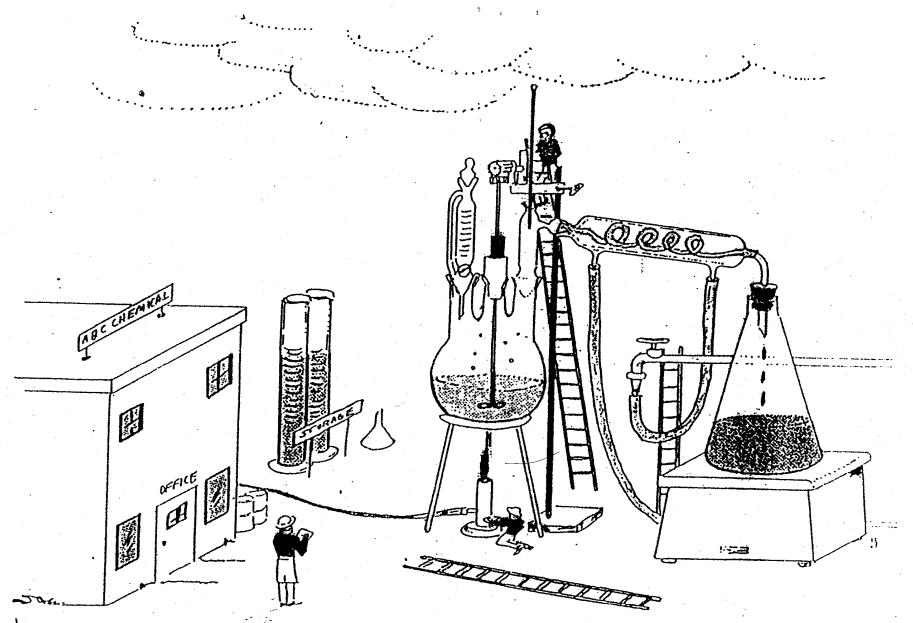
# Putting the Pieces Together

- Best option: use of ideal solvents
- Take advantage of free tools
- Regional activities:
  - Target sectors, bundling of programs (Region 3)
  - Pilot project, identify opportunities (Region 2)
- Case studies/tech transfer
- Material flow to metrics (GHGs, \$ savings)



# The Very Big Picture a Little Closer





THE BENOMING PARES HERE SO



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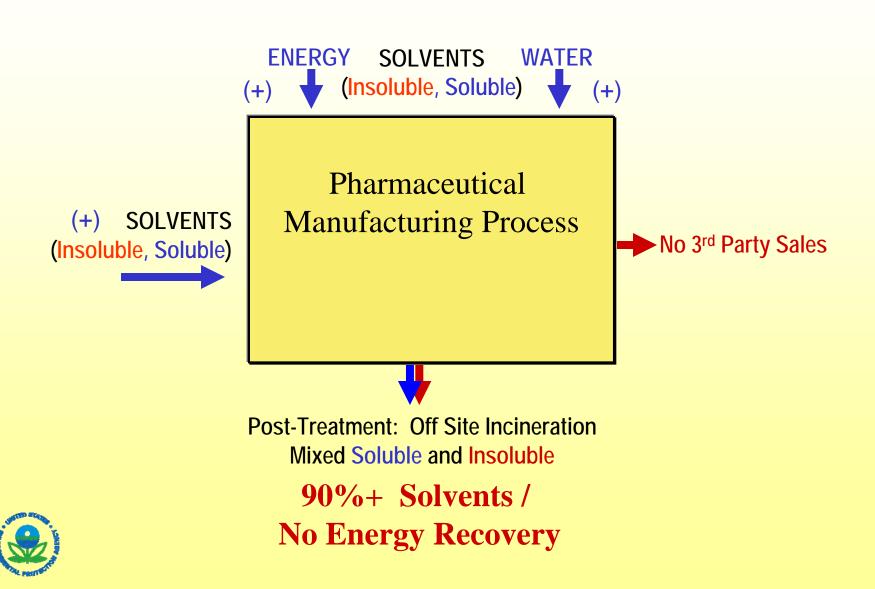
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# **Current Scenario – Handling as Waste**



# Environmental Impact of Solvent Management

#### **2006 TRI Releases**

- 122 million pounds of spent solvents incinerated off site in 2006
- 50% of the releases are soluble (50% solvent, 50% water), with methanol being the top solvent
- 50% of releases are insoluble, with dichloromethane being the top solvent

#### **Environmental Impact of**

#### **Off Site Incineration**

- **Energy:** 90 trillion BTUs
- **GHGs:** 140,000 metric tons
- VOCs, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>: 1.5 million pounds
- Water: 4 million gallons
- No energy recovery
- Loss of materials



# Green Engineering Opportunities: Solvents

#### **Solvent Selection, Recovery and Reuse**

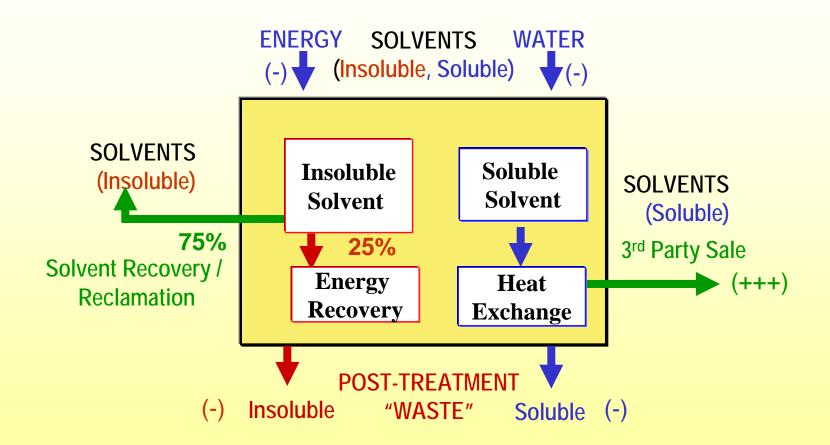
- Solvent selection guides already developed by industry and academia
- 99 kg waste/1 kg API recovery has diminishing returns due to limitations on Capital Equipment, all utilized in manufacturing intermediates / API
- Ideal is a palette of solvents geared towards the chemistry you have to run and continuously recycle, purify and replenish (10% bottoms) as needed

"We pay for the solvent, we pay for the capital to manage it, and we pay to burn it."

The Materials & Energy that are invested in solvents make it a high (\$\$) value material!

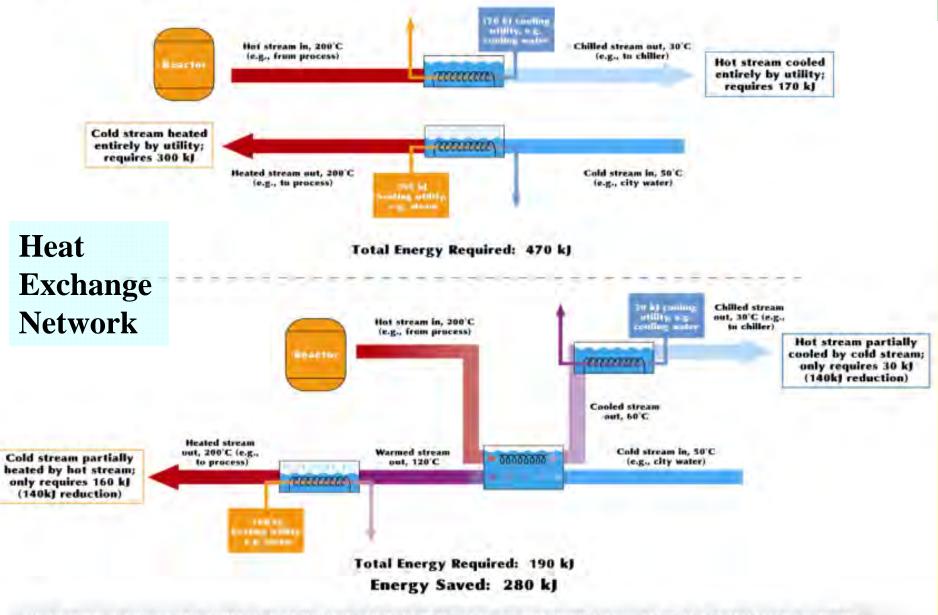


# Green Scenario – Handling as Secondary Product



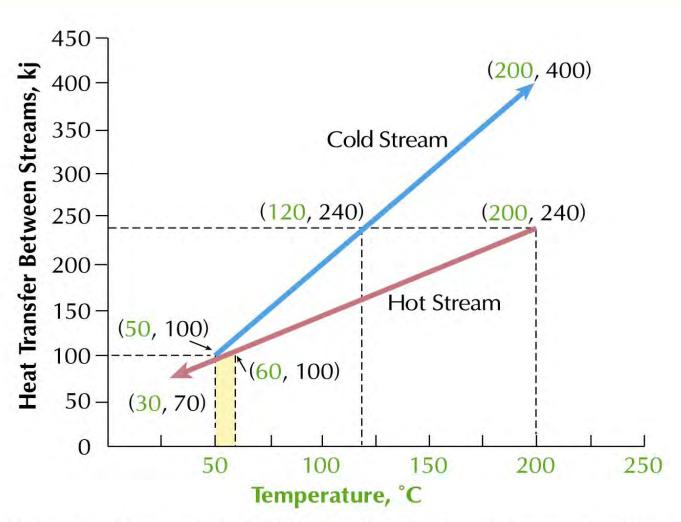


The cold stream begins at a temperature of 50°C, and ends at a temperature of 200°C. Similarly, the hot stream begins at a temperature of 200°C and ends at a temperature of 30°C.



Under optimum heat transfer conditions, as shown in the pinch diagram at right, the cold stream is heated from 50°C to 120°C in the exchanger and the hot stream is cooled from 200°C to 60°C.

# Heat Exchange Thermal Pinch



Hot stream and cold stream load line diagram for heat exchange network synthesis at an optimal temperature difference of 10°C (shaded region).

### Heat Integration and Waste Water Recycle Case Study

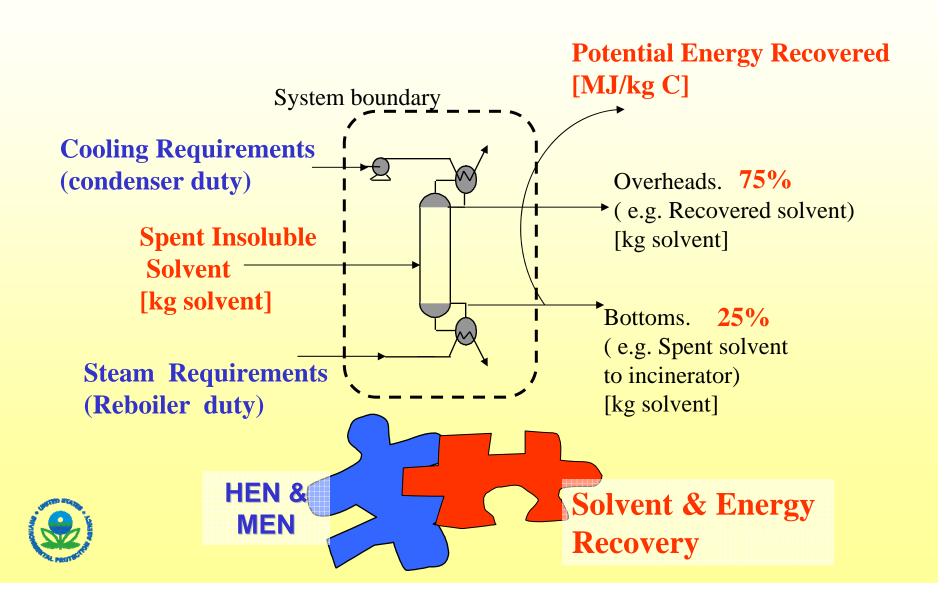
Using Downtherm A, the reactor cooling water stream, the feed to the reactor is heated to 225 °C, and Downtherm A is cooled to 160 °C. Reduction in the amount of high pressure steam on the order of 3316 kg/h.

The source of heat for production of low pressure steam was changed to the remaining heat in the Dowtherm A cooling loop. This reduced the amount of high pressure steam needed by 15959 kg/h.





# Solvent Recovery Module



# Methanol Institute Voice of the Global Methanol Industry www.methanol.org

"The Methanol Institute gives our industry a strong voice in the development of public policies that can have an enormous impact on the creation of new markets and the expansion of existing markets."

Today, methanol is one of the world's most widely distributed chemical commodities. As a basic building block for hundreds of chemical products, methanol is being used safely and effectively in everything from plastics and paints, to construction materials and windshield washer fluid.

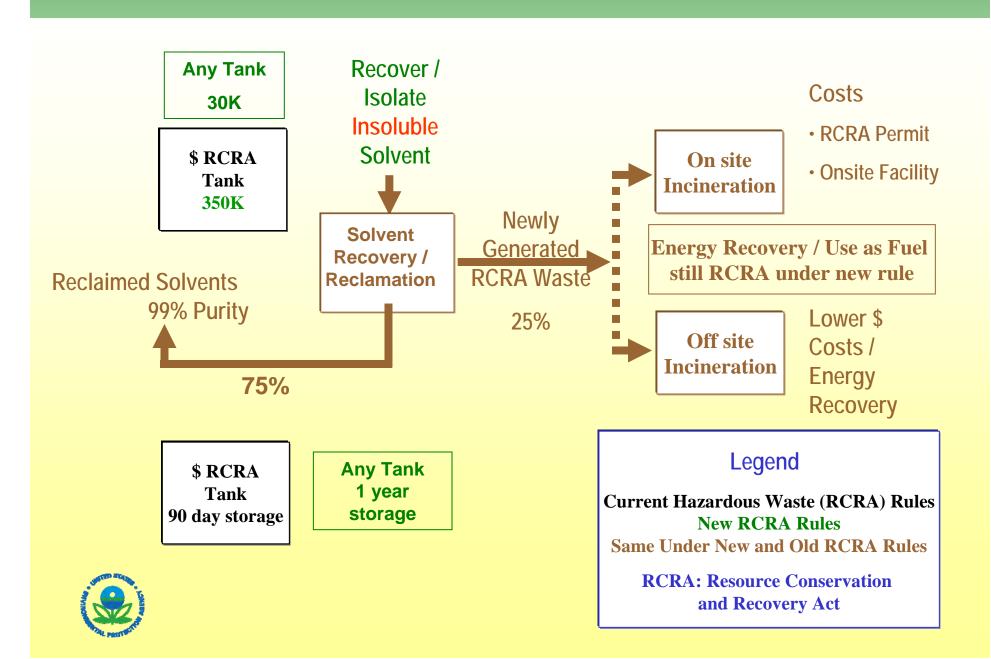
Third Party Markets (scorecard.org): Order of Use / Purity Needs
Heat Transferring Agents (Secondary Coolants), 
Printed Circuit Board, Semiconductors, Laboratory Chemicals, 
Electroplating, Rubber, Pesticides, Wood Stains & Varnishes, 
Machinery Mfg and Repair, Paint Mfg & Stripping, and Printing. 
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#### Revised Definition of Solid Waste Rule

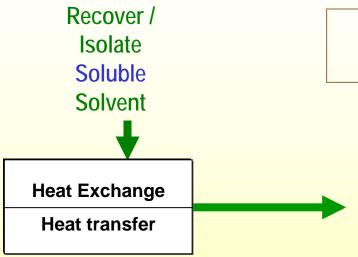
- Original proposal published October 28, 2003
- Supplemental proposal published March 26, 2007 (72 FR 14172)
- Final rule signed October 7, 2008 (awaiting publication in the FR) (60 day implementation)
- <a href="http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/dsw/rule">http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/hazard/dsw/rule</a> <a href="making.htm">making.htm</a>
- Applicability for solvent recycling



#### Insoluble: Dichloromethane/Toluene



# Soluble (H20): Methanol



On Site

Use 1: Heat transfer (secondary coolant)

Use 2: Recovery for own use

All legitimate recycling activities permissible under new rule/old rule

Off Site

Sell to 3<sup>rd</sup> Party

Potential Uses (Legitimate Recycling)

Electronics / Semiconductor<sup>1</sup>

Electroplating/Rubber/Varnish<sup>2</sup>

Machinery Manufacturing and Repair<sup>3</sup>

**Energy Recovery / Use as Fuel** still RCRA under new rule

Fuels / Biodiesel

RCRA Tank 90 day No Permit



# Greening Use of Solvents

#### **Insoluble** (Dichloromethane)

- High-risk carcinogen: Find alternatives (e.g., dipolar aprotic solvents, alkanes)
- Isolate and recover (75%) in closed systems

#### **Insoluble** (e.g., Toluene)

- Isolate and recover solvent (75%)
- Incinerate / energy recovery
- DO NOT sent to wastewater treatment\*

#### **Soluble (Methanol)**

- Substitute with non-hazardous alternative (e.g., 1 or 2-butanol)
- Take advantage of water as heat sink: use in heat exchange
- Limit releases with leak detection and repair
- DO NOT incinerate
- Avoid / minimize sending to wastewater treatment\*
- Recover solvent for resale (3<sup>rd</sup> party markets)

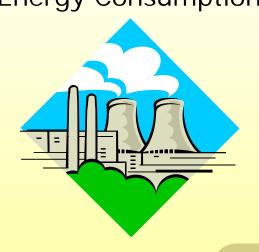


\* Primary energy use in wastewater treatment is for moving chemical and aeration

#### **Green Engineering Opportunities: Facility / Peripheral Systems**

## 70% of all energy consumed is for steam and cooling

**Energy Consumption** 









**Process Emissions** 



**Process Wastes** 

Emissions from Waste Treatment (Incineration, Wastewater Treatment, Landfill, etc)

Cooling Water and Steam Utilities





#### Green Engineering Opportunities: Utilities – Cooling / Once Through Water

- Iron corroded off of piping produces doubles its own mass as iron oxide.
- This deposit 10 tons equate to almost 100 cubic feet – can plug piping and impede water flow.
- Photo shows thinning of pipe wall and voluminous deposit.



- Reduces heat transfer and raises electricity costs (increased pumping)
- Water treatment will prevent deposition and corrosion byproducts, especially when applied to heated streams
  - Impede heat transfer in specific areas / thermal pockets

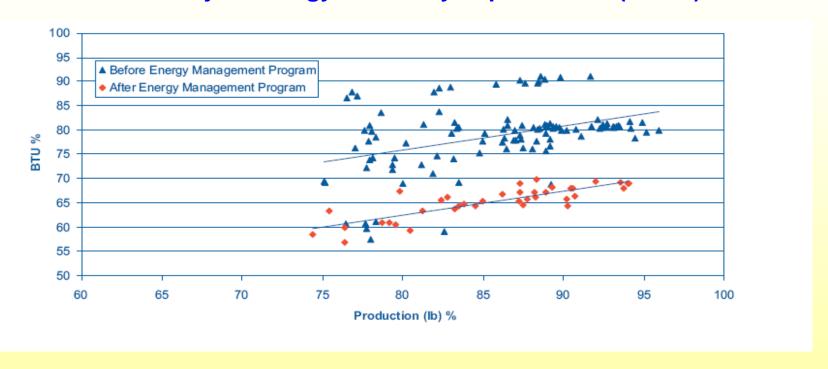
# Optimization Projects and Procedures

- A wide range of optimization projects and procedures can contribute to plant wide energy savings:
  - Steam Generation: Tighter combustion targets, CO controls, combustion analysis
  - Steam Transmission: Utility leak reporting and repair program, steam trap maintenance, condensate recovery
  - Steam Consumption: Re-evaluation of distillation targets and column sequencing, heat integration of condensate and low pressure steam, high-efficiency electrical motors
- Changes performed in the utility plant



#### Energy Management and Distillation Optimization

#### **Distillation Project Energy Efficiency Improvement (Btu/lb)**



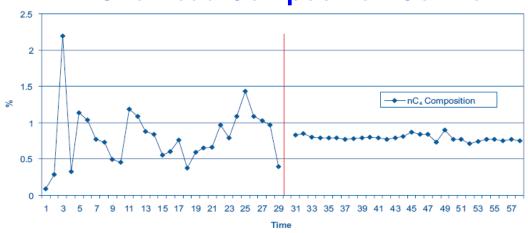
\$950,000/yr energy & 11,500 tons/yr CO2 savings

Pharmaceutical largest expenditure of energy is on steam

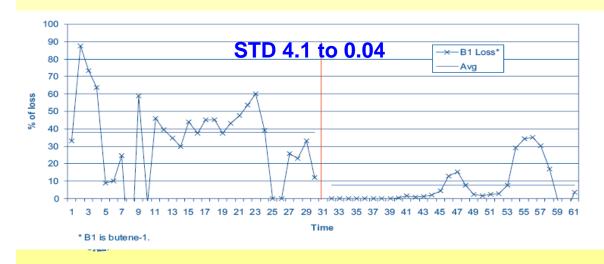
#### Energy Management and Distillation Optimization

Heat input to column controlled by composition control loop vs. bottoms level measurements

#### **Overhead Composition Control**



#### **Product Loss Reduction**



Pharmaceutical Challenge: Separation

Productivity Benefit:

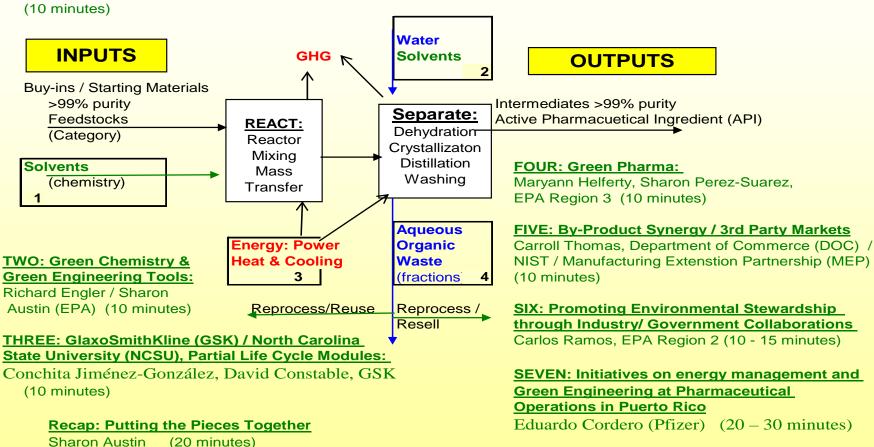
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